

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Tuesday January 22, 2013, 4:00 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips
Alderman Valerie Joh
Alderman Mike McIntire

Vice-Mayor Tom C. Parham
Alderman Tom Segelhorst
Alderman Jantry Shupe

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By City Recorder Demming. Absent: Alderman John Clark
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips commented on the Madagascar coffee shop at Meadowview. City Attorney Billingsley stated the city owns the coffee shop now and it would be difficult to put in a private enterprise. The Board members spoke favorably on the newly completed Gibson Mill Road. Alderman Segelhorst commented that he appreciated the safety incidents being added to the tickler, but he was not happy with the results. City Manager Campbell stated that departments were placing more emphasis on safety. Alderman Joh asked about the Food City property status for the carousel. Mr. Campbell replied the city attorney would be getting the results tomorrow to the owner of Food City.
4. **MARY CUNNINGHAM – BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK COMMISSION - PROCLAMATION.** Mayor Phillips read the proclamation and thanked Ms. Cunningham for all she has done, noting she served 23 years on this Parks and Recreation Board. Ms. Cunningham spoke in response, commenting on items of importance to her at Bays Mountain.
5. **AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE.** Mr. Frank Brewer gave information on this item, noting the recent impacts of warmer weather, a significant rain event and a snow storm. He pointed out that every element of the water management system worked well and performed as it was designed to do. He discussed the work activity, even in the inclement weather and noted the project was still on schedule. He commented favorably on the new aquatic center director Kari Matheney, noting her input has been very helpful thus far.
6. **LOCHWOOD ROAD UPDATE.** Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds presented this item, noting the causes behind the recent flooding problems in this area that cut off two driveways from road access. He stated the best solution would be a portable pump station and pointed out the disadvantages of a permanent station. Mr. McReynolds also discussed building a permanent force main from Netherland Inn to the river with a quick disconnect.

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Some discussion followed and it was noted that emergency responders still had access to these properties if necessary.

7. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE JANUARY 22, 2013 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

(NOTE: Item VI.D.3 was discussed first.)

VI.AA.1 Public Hearing and Consideration of Ordinances to Annex/Amend the Zoning of the Lamberth Street Annexation and Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the Plan of Services (AF: 21-2013). City Planner Ken Weems presented this item, noting this request was initiated by the property owner.

VI.AA.4 Public Hearing for Annexation Annual Plan of Services Report (AF: 16-2013). City Planner Forrest Koder gave information on this item and answered questions from the board. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds stated he did not anticipate any of the areas not being completed on time, with Alderman McIntire commenting we haven't missed one yet. The Mayor was concerned over some confusion from Colonial Heights residents regarding the length of the plan of services, noting it was for five years and not eight years. Mr. Campbell stated the city would send out a letter to the affected citizens to eliminate any confusion.

VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for Konnarock Road – Warpath Drive and Truxton Drive Waterline Improvements and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 24-2013). Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds pointed out these projects were included in the Capital Improvement Plan. Water/Wastewater Distribution and Collections Manager Chad Austin provided further details. City Manager Campbell noted the bids were competitive and came in better than the engineering estimates.

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Extending the Current Contract with Redflex Traffic Systems, Incorporated (AF: 26-2013). Officer Dale Farmer presented information on this item and discussed the many benefits provided by the traffic cameras, including reduction of right angle crashes, definitive answers for accident investigations and more efficient use of time for officers. He confirmed for Mayor Phillips these cameras are working very well and are not just a money maker. Alderman Joh commented that Kingsport is a safer place to drive as a result of them.

VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive a Tennessee Transportation Grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (AF: 32-2012). City Manager Campbell provided information on this item, noting this extension of the greenbelt would be from Exchange Place along the creek to Cleek Road. He pointed out this was just the application stage and it would probably be a year before the city would see any money.

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Community and Government Relations Director Tim Whaley stated we wanted to keep the project in the pipeline so they state would not forget about us.

VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Agreements Between the City of Kingsport and the Lynn Garden Optimist Club and the Lynn View Pee Wee Football (AF: 29-2013). Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt provided details on this item, noting these agreements have been done since the City acquired the Lynn View Community Center. He pointed out the only change this year is there are two agreements instead of one as the pee wee football has broken away from the Optimist Club for insurance purposes. Mr. McCartt noted Risk Management has reviewed and approved of this change.


BOARD COMMENT. Alderman Segelhorst commended the response from city staff regarding a safety issue he inquired about concerning the traffic light on Center Street at Roller Street in front of Domtar. He commented on the great cooperation he has received, pointing out this is typical of all city departments. Mayor Phillips commented on a letter to the editor concerning a misunderstanding regarding the free clinic for city employees. He wanted to clarify that the intent is to save the tax payers money. He provided an example of the savings if an employee visited this clinic as opposed to the emergency room. Alderman Joh pointed out it would be a part of our insurance program. Some discussion followed. The mayor also commented on an email he sent to staff regarding a traffic problem at Pal's on Fort Henry Drive. He stated he has still not heard a response on that issue. Staff commented it was addressed before and a deceleration lane was talked about but it was not feasible to install. The issue will be looked at again.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Ms. Jeannie Bourne commented it would be nice if the BMA had a section in the paper to answer questions and clear up issues. She also commented on driving in inclement weather.

8. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

The seal of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee, is circular. It features a central emblem with a star and the words "KINGS-PORT" and "TENNESSEE". Around the perimeter, it reads "The Model City".


DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor